

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1225 – HB 1786

March 21, 2011

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004950): Deletes Section 1 of the bill. Requires the county legislative body to cast the deciding vote for offices filled by the votes of a single county or civil district, or, in the alternative, the legislative body may by resolution call for a run-off election between the tied candidates.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase Local Expenditures - \$11,500/Each Run-Off Election*

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase Local Expenditures - \$11,500/Each Run-Off Election/Permissive

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Currently, if a tie vote occurs in an affected office, the county legislative body will cast the deciding vote.
- If the county legislative body does not cast the deciding vote, they can by resolution call for a run-off election between the tied candidates. This will be at the discretion of the county legislative body and would be permissive.
- When and if a tie vote will occur for an office filled by the votes of a single county or civil district is unknown, the cost to conduct a run-off election will depend upon the county affected and the population of such county.
- Four counties were surveyed by the Coordinator of Elections office to determine the cost that will be incurred to hold a run-off election. The average increase in local government expenditures with respect to these counties will be \$11,500 per county and will be permissive.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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